



# Tidings

## TRAPPE/FAITH CHAPEL NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER, NOVEMBER 2012



### PASTOR'S PIECE

This summer, God has received a lot of prime-time airtime. Back on June 15, Nik Wallenda walked across Niagara Falls on a tightrope. Prior to beginning his journey, Nik gathered with his family for a time of prayer. All the way across, he kept offering praises to God. At one point, he thanked God for giving him such an incredible view. His voice never held a tone of fear, just praise. He didn't cry out, "Help me make it Jesus!" Instead he kept thanking God for being God. What I found really cool was this was a live television event, so none of his praises to God could be edited out. For just over a half hour people watched a person doing what seemed impossible because he knew that through God all things are possible.

Then the Olympics came around. In the majority of the interviews that I saw which were mainly with American medalists, they would begin by acknowledging God. One in particular that stood out to me was diver, David Boudia. Right after he just barely qualified to compete in the medal round, he was interviewed. I cannot recall the question that was asked, but before he said anything, he said, "First, I know that my God is Sovereign and if I make it all right and if I don't that's all right, too." Then I read that before the medal round competition began, he tweeted Romans 8:37-39. This is what that passage of Scripture says: "No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Nik Wallenda and the Olympic athletes were not thanking God because of their accomplishments; they were thanking God for being God. And who knows what kind of impact these televised praises made upon those watching. As I sat there watching Nik walk across the Falls, barely able to breathe, I was stunned at the calm and confidence being displayed. I'm sure I'm not the only one who felt that way. The same can be said about the athletes.

Think about the impact each one of us could have upon the world if we would display the same kind of attitudes. If we would let people see and hear us praise God in the midst of the good, the bad, and the ugly in our lives, those who don't know Christ may ask us how we can be so calm and confident. This gives us the opportunity to tell them it is all because of our relationship with God.

Let's praise God in our words and actions. Let's show the world how to stay calm and confident because of our relationship with God.

Grace and peace,  
Pastor Maleia

### ONGOING CALENDAR

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thurs

Senior Choir Practice

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays

Breakfast and Yard Sale

2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays

Fellowship following 11:00

Worship

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays

UMW Meeting

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays

Administrative Council

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Read about our "new" ministry: United Methodist Men  
inside this edition of the *Tidings!*

## PASTOR'S POOCH

Whew! It sure has been hot this summer. I am so glad the air conditioner didn't break down and that Pop-Pop had my pool ready at his house. Despite the heat, it will soon be time to go back to school. Mom got an email the other day asking if we wanted to participate in the reading program again this year. Of course, she immediately responded that we would. Yeah! A new group of kids to fuss over me!

Speaking of school, I heard that the churches held a drive to collect back to school supplies for the students at White Marsh Elementary School. From what Mom said, a ton of stuff was donated, which made her very happy. She said that the people in the churches and community are so wonderful at pitching in to make sure kids have what they need for their education.

I also heard that there are some more opportunities coming up to share God's blessings with others. In September look for the brown bags for a Food Drive for Scott's UMC Food Pantry. And in December the bags will be back for a Food Drive for Neighborhood Service Center.

But, one of my favorite programs is going to get started a bit sooner this year: Operation Christmas Child or as everyone likes to refer to it: Shoebox Time. It is so much fun to get to go over the church after they have all been collected and see how many had been donated. I hope this year I won't be able to see any of the altar railing. Mom was telling how we tend to take for granted something as simple as a toothbrush, but a child in Russia getting one thinks it is the best gift ever because now she won't have to share just one toothbrush with all the other kids in the orphanage. Wow!

I am so glad I get to hear how God's love is being shared with others by the people of this charge. I wish I could do more, but I don't think my treats that help my teeth stay clean would be very helpful to humans. So, I'll leave that stuff to Mom.

Woof! Woof!

Scamp



## COMMUNITY WORSHIP SERVICE

The Community Worship Service will be held on September 9 at 10:00 a.m. This year we will be holding the service at a new location: in the new Town Gazebo located in the park by St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Our speaker this year will be Rev. Gary Moore, Easton District Superintendent. All are welcome to join us for this day of worship in the park and join us afterwards for a box lunch that will be provided. In the event of rain, we will gather at Scott's UMC.



### **GREAT NOTE CARDS AT A REASONABLE PRICE!**

UMW has a project: selling lovely notecards. The notecards have a floral design, are blank inside, and come with pastel envelopes. For \$1.00 you have a choice of 20 one-design cards or 14 cards, one of each design. Ida Hickman has volunteered to coordinate the project. You can order them through Ida or any UMW member. You can also buy them at Martha's Closet. The proceeds will benefit the UMW and Faith Chapel.

Send a card to a shut-in or buy some for Christmas stocking stuffers!

## CALLING ALL MEN OF TRAPPE/BRUCEVILLE CHARGE

by Dan Gustafson

It is time to re-ignite the UM Men ministry in our charge, and we are planning to have our first meeting in September. It is our hope to have monthly dinner meetings with speakers of interest to empower the ministry of Jesus Christ for our men within our congregations. The vision of a such a ministry is defined as a core group of men partnering with their pastor to invite and initiate spiritual growth opportunities for all men of the church. Everyone has different talents and gifts that can be used for the good of the ministry of our Lord. Our mission is to support spiritual growth among men, helping other men to mature as disciples so they may encourage others. Our pathway is a lifelong commitment as Christ followers to allow our faith to be passed onto others as living examples of the Word. Look for future announcements in upcoming bulletins on time and place to meet to organize this group of men for the future.

### APPORTIONMENTS by Cathy Sewell, Tidings Editor

Every year the churches pay apportionments to the conference. This year Trappe is committed to \$10,820 and Faith to \$2,401. For small churches those amounts are significant, and the question arises about why we pay apportionments and what the money is used for.

The answers to "Why?" are pretty apparent. A resource from United Methodist Communications, *Why We Give* (p. 1), lists these six reasons:

- We give because God first gave to us.
- We give because we love God.
- We give because it is what Christians do.
- We give because it is what United Methodists do.
- We give to make ministry and missions happen.
- We give because, together, we can do what no one individual or congregation can do separately.

I can say that I give for all these reasons, but I especially like the thought in the last one. What can I do? I have limited resources, and I don't have the oomph to travel around the world working as a missionary. However, though the apportionments, I am part of something bigger than I can do as an individual. Each of us can make a difference, so paying those apportionments helps us impact the world in the name of Christ.

Now for the question of how the money is used. Seven different funds benefit from our apportionments:  
World Service Fund: building new churches, paying missionary salaries, providing Bible studies and leadership for youth ministries and more.

African University Fund: nurturing students in Christian values and developing visionary leaders from 27 countries in Africa.

Ministerial Education Fund: recruiting and educating quality pastoral leadership.

Black College Fund: supporting 11 historically Black UM colleges and universities.

Episcopal Fund: providing salaries and expenses for our bishops.

Interdenominational Cooperation Fund: supporting worldwide ecumenical and interreligious organizations as a means of advocating unity for the worldwide Christian church.

General Administration Fund: funding General Conference, Judicial Council work, maintaining official documents and artifacts, and designating historic landmarks. This fund also oversees and holds accountable how moneys are used.

So from our giving, people around the world are touched in many ways. We are "Sharing God's Gifts."

If you would like to know more about apportionments, *Why We Give* has a list of print and electronic resources. One electronic source is [www.umcsgiving.org](http://www.umcsgiving.org) and Pastor Maleia has a copy of *Why We Give*.



#### **Box Tops for Education**

Clip and place in box in back  
vestibule to benefit  
White Marsh Elementary



#### **Labels for Education**

Clip and place in box in back  
vestibule to benefit  
Board of Child Care

## **LIBRARY NEWS** by Charlotte Edwards, Church Librarian

Our summer reading days are about over. I hope you all had wonderful experiences in literature. A recent addition to the library is *A Year of Living Biblically: One Man's Humble Quest to Follow the Bible As Literally As Possible* by A.J. Jacobs. Actually Jacobs' humility can be questioned as it is evident from the beginning that he lived the year in order to write his memoir. Surprisingly though, the book was informative, very insightful, and entertaining. Jacobs worked hard on this quest. He read the Bible many times, studied countless theology texts, and sought out numerous theology leaders for clarification and deeper insights. Most of his days were spent following Old Testament laws. One day he even struck out to stone adulterers in Central Park. While the author did experience significant spiritual growth, he failed in gaining a strong faith in Christ or maintaining any Christian or Jewish fellowship. He has obviously missed having a Church family as we have here at TUMC and having a meaningful walk with Jesus. His personal story did have wonderfully humorous and poignant moments. An enjoyable read!

Also, as we approach September (the real beginning of the year for anyone who has ever been to school) *The Purpose Driven Church* by Rick Warren is a good book to read. This time of year we are always actively planning or purposing to act on our new visions for the church. This book could be a powerful asset. It explores many facets of the church's ministry. The principles presented are applicable to any church that is trying to make its work stronger and its ministries more effective. I think this is the purpose of our Covenant at TUMC and also the message in our "Methodist Call to Action" study guide that we received earlier this year. As always, read with discernment and also be open to new ideas.

Added to the library recently are two new interesting *National Geographic* magazines.

1. December 2011 features an article on "The King James Bible." According to the article, "First presented 400 years ago, no other book has given more to the English speaking world." This is the story of the making of a masterpiece.
2. March 2012 contains the article, "The Journey of the Apostles" and says, "They were unlikely leaders but Jesus made them fishers of men." Their footsteps are chronicled in this article.

Happy Reading!

## **SPEAKING OF THE OPENING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR: SUPPLIES COLLECTED FOR WHITE MARSH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

68 Composition Notebooks	17 Packs of Markers	20 Boxes of Kleenex
24 Notebooks	2 Packs of Highlighters	27 Pairs of Scissors
2 Small Notebooks	569 Pencils	2 Packs Page Dividers
29 Regular & Plastic Folders	1 Water Color Set	5 Packs Dry Erase Markers
2 Large Hand Sanitizers	7 Pencil Cases	2 Pocket-size Dictionaries
8 Small Hand Sanitizers	26 Rulers	2 Rolls Scotch Tape
26 Packs Wide-Ruled Notebook Paper	9 Packs College-Ruled Notebook Paper	1 Large Pack Construction Paper
20 Mechanical Pencils	14 Packs of Erasers	4 Packs Index Cards
72 Glue Sticks	27 Pairs of Scissors	2 Pencil Sharpeners
11 Bottles of Glue	1 Pack Poster Board	2 Backpacks
48 Boxes of 24 Ct Crayons	4 Packs Index Cards	4 Packs Post-It Notes
2 Boxes of Large Crayons	20 Mechanical Pencils	29 Packs Colored Pencils
4 Boxes 8 Ct Crayons	3 Binders	179 Pens

**THANK YOU!**

## **THE AMERICAN BIBLE CHALLENGE** by Dan Gustafson

Are you ready for an exciting, family-friendly, Bible-based game show, “The American Bible Challenge”? Comedian Jeff Foxworthy is slated to host this new game show premiering on Thursday, August 23 at 8 pm. It is a Christian-based game show that will air on GSN (Game Show Network). It comes from the creators of “Extreme Makeover: Home Edition” and will test contestants’ knowledge of Biblical themes. For those who hold Christian ideals close to their hearts, this program will be a welcome addition to the array of often family unfriendly programming currently on the tube!

Tune to Comcast channel 66, RCN Cable channel 128, Bay Country Communications channel 101, Directv channel 233, and Dish Network channel 116.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL** by Dr. Jane Brooks, Council Chairman

The Administrative Council is made up of members of the Charge’s two churches who work together in planning and deciding the projects of the churches.

The group meets once a month. There are a chairman, a secretary, and a treasurer for each church, plus Sunday School and Memorial Fund representatives. Other members are the chairmen of the various designated committees of the two churches.

The meetings are scheduled for the third Thursday of the month at 7 pm. An agenda is followed; however, new items are welcome for discussion. The pastor gives a report which often includes ideas for future activities.

Each meeting is opened with a prayer and closed with a prayer. This group needs the prayer support of the entire congregation since the business of the churches is decided by this Council. Also, all members are welcome to attend the meetings.

This group wants to help the churches be truly inspiring and welcoming to the community and live up to the churches’ mission statement.

### **Administrative Council Highlights**

August 16, 2012

- Children’s Sunday School starting Sept. 16
- Vacation dates for Pastor Maleia Oct. 14 and Oct. 28
- Heating Project discussed and recommendation to Council from Trustees coming shortly
- List of donated school supplies very impressive
- Community Sunday Service in Veterans’ Memorial Park on Sept. 9 at 10 am
- Church Picnic in parsonage backyard set for Sept. 16 at 3:30 pm
- Bricks for walkway in garden available at \$35 per brick



## **ALTAR FLOWERS** by Barbara Coleman, Altar Guild

I would like to thank our regular flower contributors. The weather has not been kind to our flower gardens but the altar has been adorned beautifully with fresh flowers each Sunday.

## WHO GAVE THE GIFT? by Dr. Jane Brooks

Do you know who gifted these items to Trappe United Methodist Church in honor or memory of a loved one or to the glory of God? See if you can spot the items and figure it out. Answers will appear in the September 16 bulletin..

Gift	Giver/In Honor or memory of, or to the glory of God
1 Wooden cross on wall behind altar	
2 Lamp on organ	
3 Sign in front of church	
4 Rose windows	
5 Organ	
6 Brass vases used for altar flower arrangements	
7 Chimes	
8 Stoles worn with choir robes	
9 Choir robes	
10 Pews	

### Yard Sale

Thanks to everyone who works and donates to the yard sale and breakfast.

Open every Wednesday 8:30-noon  
2nd and 4th Saturdays 7:30-10:00 am

### Bricks

Bricks are available for the church garden  
\$35 each  
Can be engraved  
Contact Nancy at 410-924-2703

### Sunday School

Resuming September 16  
9:45 am  
We look forward to seeing everyone!

### Church Picnic

September 16  
3:30 pm  
Parsonage Backyard

## **GREETERS AND USHERS** by Ellen Whitby, Head Usher

I want to thank all the Greeters and Ushers. They did a good job. God bless them all. Now that the school year is here, watch out for the children.

### Greeters

September: Lib Slaughter and Brenda Handleman

October: Newton Williams and Ellen Whitby

November: Ida Hickman and Jayne Wesley

### Ushers

September: Lib Slaughter and Brenda Handleman

October: Newton Williams and Bo Nelson

November: Jayne Wesley and Ellen Whitby

## **NEED A RIDE?**

The Transportation Ministry is still available.  
If you need a ride to a doctor's appointment, the store, or wherever,  
just call Kathy Green at 410-476-3060 to make arrangements.

